

they had caught sight of the canoes in  
 the distance^  
 across Deliverance Bay, might they  
 not have  
 .had time to make their escape in the  
 waggon,  
 taking provisions and arms ?

Captain Gould and John Block  
 continued to  
 watch the approaching savages.

Was it their intention to come into  
 the yard ?  
 The house had been visited and pillaged  
 by them  
 already. Now they might discover  
 the door  
 at the foot of the staircase. In that  
 event, how-  
 ever, they could easily be disposed of.  
 For when  
 they stepped out on to the platform  
 they could  
 be surprised, one by one, and hurled  
 over the  
 balustrade, a drop of forty or fifty feet.

" And," as the boatswain remarked,  
 " if after  
 a tumble like that they had legs  
 enough left to  
 get to Rock Castle, the beasts would  
 be more  
 like cats than the monkeys they  
 resemble!"

- But when they reached the end of the  
 avenue,  
 the five men stopped. The watchers  
 did not  
 miss a single movement they made\*  
 What was  
 their business at Falconhurst ? If the  
 aerial  
 dwelling had escaped their observation  
 so far,  
 -were they not now on the point of  
 discovering  
 it, and the people inside it ? And then,

they wotsld  
come back in larger numbers, and  
how was the  
' attack of a hundred natives to be  
withstood ?

They came to the palisade and  
walked all round  
" it. Three of them entered the yard,  
and weat into